

Mount Vernon City Library



Library Snapshot Day @ MVCL, by Beth Bermani

Tell us what you love about your library!

Libraries all over Washington will be taking a 'snapshot'—collecting information this spring to capture the impact that Washington libraries have on their communities on a typical day. How does the library make a difference in your life? We'll take your answers and let you know what other people all around the state think of their libraries and how they use them.

**Mount Vernon City Library
Washington Library Snapshot Day
Thursday, April 11, 2013**



Programs offered on April 11, 2013:

Teddy Bear Time (babies) @ 10:30 AM

Book Discussion Group (adults) @ 12:30 PM

To celebrate National Poetry Month, select a poet or poem of your choice to share.

Travels with SKOOB (6-8 yrs) from 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Teen Writing Group from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Your Library, out and about..., by Brian Soneda

Your library will be at several events around Mount Vernon this spring, among them **Healthy Kids Day** on April 27, 10 am-1 pm at Skagit Valley Family YMCA and, on the very same day, **Día de los Niños**, 1-4 pm at Washington Elementary School. Both are great events for families and children and are open to the public. Call the library at 336-6209 for more information about **Healthy Kids Day** (ask for Laura or Brian) and **Día de los Niños** (ask for Alberta or Linda).

And stay tuned for library booth days at the Mount Vernon Farmers Market, at its new (temporary) location in the parking lot directly south of Skagit State Bank (and across 1st St. from the library!) The library booth will provide crafts for kids at the Market and information about the library and its library support groups, the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library and the Mount Vernon Library Foundation. (See page two for columns by the presidents of those two organizations.)



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Who supports the library?

- *You do, through City taxes*
- *The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library*
- *The Mount Vernon Library Foundation*
- *Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.*

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Dave Johnson, Friends President

"Books are a uniquely portable magic." Stephen King

Spring is in the air and, with it, the not unseemly temptation to find a book, and a spot in the sun, and avail oneself of that portable magic which only a book possesses. I'm quite confident that readers of this newsletter have succumbed to that temptation many times, guilt-free!

However, the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library need you to put down that book occasionally to help keep our library the magical place it is. In addition to putting some cash on the counter and becoming a dues paying member, we need volunteers to:

- **Help with our Book Sale.** A few volunteers who can meet at 1.00pm on Friday, April 19 to move the books from nearby storage to the fire station next door and folks to help us set-up at 8.00am on Saturday, April 20 and a few more to help load-out at 4.00pm will certainly make the event go more smoothly
- **Help staff a FOMVL table at the Farmer's Market** one Saturday a month this summer.
- **Serve as secretary** for the Friends' Board of Directors
- **Purchase a sturdy FOMVL Book Bag** at the Book sale or Farmer's Market
- **Serve as Membership Coordinator** and help us keep track of our members.

The FOMVL will be financially supporting summer programs, landscaping efforts, and, of course, helping our library further weather the budget storm however we can. We need you to help! Please drop me a line and I'll be happy to give you the information you need to help us all. Thanks...see you under a tree in the near future!

David Johnson, President, FOMVL Board of Directors, fundsandfun@yahoo.com



Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Harold Page, Foundation President

The unveiling: That moment when the shroud is swept away to reveal the artist's masterpiece. The artist, who has invested heart, soul and untold hours into his creation, nervously awaits the verdict of the public. Will they understand and appreciate the artist's intent? Will they be moved?

The members of the Library Foundation are not artists, and our dream of getting a new library building for our wonderful city is less tangible than a statue. But we have been working hard to assemble the elements necessary to turn our dream into bricks and mortar. And we felt it was time for that dream to have an "unveiling."

Hours were spent planning for an appropriate event: food, wine, a beautiful venue, a jazz quartet and a lively program to tell everyone what we are about. Mayor Boudreau herself would be the keynote speaker. The date was set for March 15th and invitations were sent to a long list of Mount Vernon business people, leaders, boosters, personalities and library supporters. Then we waited, nervously. Not many RSVPs were being returned. What if nobody comes? Or worse yet, what if they do come and they don't "get it". What if our message falls on deaf ears? What if they don't share our dream?

The first sign was the parking lot: it was full. They came! They came in numbers only optimistically hoped for. And they got it. The message was simple:

- Mount Vernon needs a new building for its wonderful library.
- A new library building will be a tremendous asset for our community.
- We all have an opportunity through involvement to leave a lasting and meaningful legacy for future generations.
- We need to share our enthusiasm for the project with everyone.

And they got it!

The cookies aren't out of the oven yet, but the word is out that we're baking. We're looking forward to a growing tide of enthusiasm as we move forward. Share the word.

Summer Reading Program by Linda Allen



SUMMER READING 2013 @ the Mount Vernon City Library

FUN, FREE Programs for Preschool-TEENS

(sign up begins **June 10**)

HERCULES AND THE GOLDEN APPLE

Funded by **FRIENDS of the MV Library**

Thursday, June 27, 6 pm @ Hillcrest Lodge

[The Amazing Teen Summer Reading Race](#)

(A county-wide competition based on the Amazing Race! Teens must sign up for Summer Reading to compete.)

FREE RIDES to Libraries on Skagit Transit Buses

Prizes for Reading...read 800 minutes...choose a book & enter to win a bike

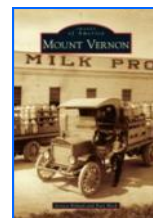


2013 April—June Library Events Calendar

Apr 2-May 14	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Tuesdays.
Apr 2-May 14	Bilingual Storytime for Families, 5:30 pm, all ages, Tuesdays.
Apr 3-May 15	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, 3-5 years, Wednesdays.
Apr 3-June 27	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-6:30 pm, Wednesdays.
Apr 4-May 16	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, birth-24 months, Thursdays.
Apr 4-May 16	Travels with SKOOB, 4-4:30 pm, ages 6-8, Thursdays
April 6-June 29	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, ages 2-6, Saturdays.
Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1	Tales for Tails: Kids Reading to Certified Therapy Dogs, ages 6-12., 1-2 pm, 1st Saturdays.
Apr 11	Library Snapshot Day (see cover story)
Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8	Science Saturday, 2-3 pm, ages 8-11, 2nd Saturdays.
Apr 18	Author Talk/Book Signing, with Jessica Bylund & Kari Hock, 6:30-7:30 pm.
Apr 19, May 16	Anime and Manga Club, 5-6 pm, 3rd Thursdays.
Apr 20	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Spring Book Sale, 10 am-4 pm, behind the library.
Apr 20, May 18, Jun 15	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-4:30 pm, 3rd Saturdays.
Apr 29	Poetry Reading Open Mic Night, 6-7 pm, all ages.
May 8	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Meeting, 6 pm.
May 9	Special Teen Writing Group with Isaac Marion, author of <i>Warm Bodies</i> , 4:30-6:30 pm..
June 10	Sign-ups begin for Summer Reading Program!
June 27	Hercules and the Golden Apple (play by Last Leaf Productions), 6 pm @ Hillcrest Lodge .



Legos, Wednesdays & 3rd Saturdays



April 18 Author Talk/Book Signing
of the new book, *Mount Vernon*



BOOK SALE
on April 20!



Teen Writing Group
guest, author Isaac
Marion

In the last quarter...and in the current quarter...



Fantastically successful Library Foundation event at Max Dale's on March 15.



Library Foundation President Harold Page
speaks at the Library Foundation event



Some of the crowd at
the Foundation event

- April 1-25, Poetry Writing Contest (adult, teen and youth categories); winner gets to read winning poem on KSVR!
- Starting June 10, Adult Summer Reading Program, **Groundbreaking Reads**.



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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor,
Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Chair), Bill Craig (Vice Chair), Scott Correa (Secretary), Carrie Odlin and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:

Excellent customer service

Relevancy

Patience, understanding and caring

Tolerance

Community leadership

Sensitivity

Helpfulness

Welcoming spirit

Contributor to the community's quality of life

2013 Library Hours

Monday 10 AM-7 PM

Tuesday 10 AM-7 PM

Wednesday 10 AM-7 PM

Thursday 10 AM-7 PM

Friday 10 AM-6 PM

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 1 New Years Day

January 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 18 Presidents' Day

May 27 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

September 2 Labor Day

November 11 Veterans Day

November 28-29 Thanksgiving

December 25 Christmas Day



It's Spring!

